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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7918**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 565

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 13, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Museums and historic sites.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Skinner

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill authorizes the donation, exchange, and sale of items contained in the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites' collection. It changes the organization of the Division's board of trustees. It establishes the Historic Site Fund, and requires money generated by a historic site to be deposited in the fund. The bill requires at least 51% of the fees collected from a particular historic site to be used for educational programs at the historic site and for maintenance and operation of the historic site. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Natural Resources Study Committee.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Board of Trustees for the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites.* The bill changes the composition of the board of trustees for the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites. However the total number of members remains at 13. The Governor must make appointments in a manner to achieve diversity and geographic balance among the trustees. A fiscal impact would result only if new members resulted in different reimbursements for mileage. However, this impact is not expected to be significant. The bill has provisions pertaining to the election of officers and terms of members; however, these provisions should have no significant impact.

*Historic Site Fund.* This bill establishes the Historic Site Fund to provide funding for educational programs and the operation of historic sites. The fund must be administered by the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites. Expenses of administering the fund must be paid from money in the fund. At least 51% of admission fees collected at historic sites must be used for educational programs conducted at the historic site; and the maintenance and operation of the historic site.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Division of State Museums and Historic Sites.* The bill provides that the Division of State Museums and Historic Sites may donate or exchange artifacts in the division's collection to or with a public or nonprofit museum, a historical society, a university, or a similar institution; and sell items in the division's collection at auction or public sale. The amount revenue that will be generated by this provision is indeterminable.

*Historic Site Fund.* The bill establishes the Historic Site Fund to provide funding for educational programs and the operation of historic sites. The Treasurer of State must invest money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Money in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund. Money in the fund is annually appropriated to the Division. The fund consists of proceeds from sales and leases and other proceeds generated by the historic sites. The amount of revenue that will be generated is indeterminable.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** DNR

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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